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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: GAO Revised Guidelines On Settlement of Claims For
And Against The United States: Request for Review
by DDA.

1. The above described manual is designed to guide federal agencies in the handling of claims. Initially, it should be noted that the Agency has independent settlement authority under [] the CIA Act of 1949. However, this revised manual may serve as a useful reference document for the Agency in the development of its own internal guides on claims processing, adjustment and settlement.

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2. The manual was reviewed in this office solely for its impact on legislation. A legal analysis is pending in the Office of General Counsel. Given this caveat, there is no objection to the revised Title 4 of GAO policy.

3. On July 8, 1985, I contacted [] EX/DDA, and informed him that we had no objection to the manual from a legislative standpoint. I also indicated that the provisions of the manual probably did not apply to the Agency because of our independent settlement authority but that OGC would provide the definitive answer to this question. Finally, I pointed out that a number of the references in the manual were inaccurate because Title 31 of the Federal Code had been recodified.

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